GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5456
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2007
PUNCHHI COMMISSION ON CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS
Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama;Prabhu Shri Suresh Prabhakar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Commission on Centre-State relations as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated April 28, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the said Commission has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details and recommendations made by the said Commission;

(d) the details of recommendations implemented and the number of recommendations not implemented alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has set up a new Punchhi Commission in this regard;

(f) if so, how the terms and reference of the Commission differ from those of Sarkaria Commission;

(g) whether the Government had consulted the State Governments before setting up of Punchhi Commission; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) The Government has constituted a new Commission on Centre-State Relations under the Chairpersonship of Shri Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi (Retd.), former Chief Justice of India vide Gazette notification dated the 27th April, 2007. The Commission has been mandated to submit its report with recommendations within two years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) & (f) The terms of reference of the new Commission under the Chairpersonship of Shri Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi (Retd.) as compared to the Sarkaria Commission are more broad-based. The terms of reference of both the Commissions have been given in the Annexure.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.